

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and accompanying methods for use
therein for implementing an integrated, virtual office
user environment, through an office server(s), through
which a remotely stationed user can access typical office
5 network-based applications, including e-mail, file
sharing and hosted thin-client programs, through a
remotely located network, e.g., WAN, connected web
browser. Specifically, a front end, namely a service
enablement platform (SEP), to one or more office servers
10 on a LAN is connected to both the WAN and LAN and acts
both as a bridge between the user and his(her) office
applications and as a protocol translator to enable
bi-directional, web-based, real-time communication to
occur between the browser and each such application. The
15 SEP translates user input originating from the browser
into application-specific protocols and applies a result
to a corresponding office application server.